Cathedral Choral Evensong is essentially a service of reflection—of leaving ourselves open that God may speak to us through the psalms, readings and canticles, which are the core of the service.

We welcome you to share with us in worship that has been offered here for nearly a thousand years. Cathedrals with a great choral tradition draw upon a rich inheritance of music, much of it sung by the choir alone. In the Anglican tradition this music finds its natural setting in the office of Evensong, a combination of the medieval offices of Vespers and Compline. Here beauty in language and music can speak to us of God in a rich and diverse way. Within this hallowed space you may forget the ceaseless activity of daily life and be still.

The choice of scripture readings is from the ecumenical lectionary now in use in the Church of Ireland, reading though the different books of the Bible, little by little, day by day. Today’s readings will be continued tomorrow.

There are no announcements during services. Please join strongly in all spoken parts and in the singing of hymns (where these are appointed). To aid reflection you are invited to sit during the singing of the psalm(s) and the canticles.

Please stand when the choir and clergy enter.

**PRECES**  
TIMOTHY NOON (b. 1974)

**Cantor**  O Lord, open thou our lips;  
**Choir**  and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise,  
**Cantor**  O God, make speed to save us;  
**Choir**  O Lord, make haste to help us.  
**Cantor**  Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;  
**Choir**  as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.  
**Cantor**  Praise ye the Lord.  
**Choir**  The Lord’s Name be praised.
O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON — Micah 7:14-20

MAGNIFICAT

The song of the Blessed Virgin Mary

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON — Matthew 28:16-20

NUNC DIMITTIS

The song of Simeon

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
**THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**RESPONSES**  **TIMOTHY NOON (b. 1974)**

Cantor  The Lord be with you
Choir  and with thy spirit.
Cantor  Let us pray
Choir  Lord have mercy upon us.
Cantor  which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses. As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.
Cantor  O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
Choir  and grant us thy salvation.
Cantor  O Lord, guide and defend our rulers;
Choir  and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Cantor  Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
Choir  and make thy chosen people joyful.
Cantor  O Lord, save thy people;
Choir  and bless thine inheritance.
Cantor  Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Choir  because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Cantor  O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Choir  and take not thy holy Spirit from us.

*The Collect, of the Day*

O God, who didst call thy servant Columba from among the princes of this land to be a herald and evangelist of thy kingdom; Grant that thy Church, having his faith and courage in remembrance, may so proclaim the splendour of thy grace, that people everywhere will come to know thy Son as their Saviour, and serve him as their King; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, on God now and for ever. Amen.

*The Second Collect, for Peace*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

*The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.
ANTHEM

Sing unto the Lord a new song, Sing unto the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, Let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Jack Oades (b. 1994) Psalm 96 vv. 1,9

THE PRAYERS

HYMN

For all your saints in glory, for all your saints at rest,
To you, our Lord and Saviour, all praises be addressed;
Apostles, martyrs, prophets, who served you in their day,
Have left us their example of following your way.

Your chosen priest, Columba, sailed from his native land,
And reached the shores of Scotland with his companion band;
He preached the saving gospel to those who never knew
Your love and your compassion, your power to make lives new.

All praise to God the Father, all praise to God the Son,
And God the Holy Spirit, eternal Three in One;
Till all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,
And honour, power, and glory ascribe to God alone.

Tune: An Réalt (The Star) Edward F. Darling (b. 1933)
Trad. Irish

THE BLESSING

Please stand for the procession of choir and clergy and sit for the

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

which concludes the service